Living Hope Bible Church

Registered Charity Number 1195113

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

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Church Information

Trustees

Nathan Tarrant (Chair)
Alan Clark

Charity number

1195113

Address

St Martin’s Chapel
124 High Street
Lydd, Romney Marsh
TN29 9BA

Report of the Trustees

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report and accounts for the period 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

1 Objectives and activities

The objectives of the CIO are to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of basis of faith, primarily (but not exclusively) within Romney Marsh and the surrounding neighbourhood.

2 Structure, governance and management

Living Hope Bible Church is a CIO governed by its Constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 9 July 2021.

The trustees who served during the year were Nathan Tarrant and Alan Clark.

The Church is run by the trustees. New trustees are appointed in accordance with the Constitution. The Church is a member of the Association of Confessional Baptist Churches UK and the Grace Baptist Association.

3 Review of Activities

The activities of the church are its regular ministry of public worship on Sunday morning and bible study on a Wednesday evening.

There are currently ten members of the congregation. Our main evangelist activity is spending time engaging in conversations with local people.

4 Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Church should undertake.

5 Financial review

For this period of operation, these financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. Receipts for the period totalled £12,090.00 and payments totalled £12,189.97, resulting in net payments of £99.97. Cash funds were £8,604.70 at 1 January 2025 and £8,504.73 at 31 December 2025.

The Church has a reserve policy of ensuring at least three months of annual expenditure is held in reserve, in order for the church to be able to meet its financial commitments.

6 Risk Management

The trustees continually consider the major risks to which the Church is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

Approved by the trustees on 17 October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signature: 

Nathan Tarrant
Chair of Trustees
Date: 17 October 2026

Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts

	Total £
Offerings	8,475.00
Mission Support Offerings	1,990.00
Community Pastor Fund	1,625.00
Total receipts	**12,090.00**

Payments

	Total £
Association Costs	315.00
CCLI Licence	175.00
General Expenses	556.76
Insurance	1,500.56
Light, Power and Heating	3,103.77
Missions Support	5,640.00
Subscriptions	294.20
Telephone and Internet	604.68
Total payments	**12,189.97**

Cash movement	**Total £**
Net receipts / (payments)	**(99.97)**
Cash funds at 1 January 2025	8,604.70
Cash funds at 31 December 2025	**8,504.73**

The opening cash balances are detailed in note 4.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2025

Cash funds

Balance	2025 £
General balance	2,302.23
Mission Support reserve	342.50
Building Reserve	450.00
Community Pastor Fund	5,410.00
Total cash funds	**8,504.73**

Non monetary assets

Asset	£
Freehold Property: St Martin's Chapel, 124 High Street, Lydd, Kent, TN29 9BA	200,000.00

Liabilities

	£
Total liabilities	**0.00**

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Signature:.

Nathan Tarrant
Chair of Trustees
Date: 17 October 2026

Notes to the Financial Statements

1 Accounting Policies

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with Section 133 of the Charities Act 2011.

2 Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives, unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

3 Related Party Transactions

There were no other related party transactions.

4 Opening cash funds

Opening cash funds comprise the £4,027.20 closing balance shown in the 2024 financial statements together with separately carried forward balances for Mission Support, Building Reserve and Community Pastor funds, as follows:

Balance at 1 January 2025	**£**
General balance	4,027.20
Mission Support reserve	342.50
Building Reserve	450.00
Community Pastor Fund	3,785.00
Total opening cash funds	**8,604.70**

These brought forward balances are excluded from receipts for 2025.